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Stephenson County Sheriff's Office

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FELONY ARREST WARRANT SERVED

On September 5th, 2024, at approximately 7:25 p.m., deputies from the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit arrested Collin Zier, age 38 of Lena, without incident at a residence in the 800 block of Virginia Avenue in Lena Illinois. The apprehension of Collin Zier was for a Stephenson County felony arrest warrant that was issued on 9-5-24 for one count of Child Pornography (moving depiction) which was alleged to have occurred in June of 2024. Collin Zier is currently being held at the Stephenson County Jail pending the outcome of a detention hearing.

The investigation which resulted in the arrest of Collin Zier was initiated based on a report filed by an official with the Orangeville School District (#203) regarding a District employee who was suspected of communicating with a District student outside of the school using a non-district approved platform. The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division immediately initiated an investigation.

At this time, we believe that there may be additional current or former Orangeville School District students who have yet to be interviewed who may have information pertinent to this investigation. We would ask that any current or former Orangeville School District students who would like to speak with someone from our Investigations Division to please call 815-235-8252. This investigation is still fluid and additional criminal charges are possible.



ACCUSED: Collin T. Zier

AGE: 38

CITY/STATE OF RESIDENCE: Lena, IL

Warrant# 24CF302

Count 1: Child Pornography (moving depiction) – Class X felony

Bond: NONE

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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